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MAINE INQUIRY BEGUN.  
SENTIMENT IN HAVANA.Capt. Sigsbee's Examination  
Took Up the Day.

NOTHING TO BE GIVEN OUT

Only Such as the Court of Inquiry  
May Think Proper.All Stories Purporting to Come From  
the Board May Be Set Down As  
False, Says Capt. Sampson—Affairs  
at Navy Department Assuming  
Normal Conditions—International  
Law—Liability of Spain—Vizcaya  
Leaves Thursday.

Havana, Feb. 21.—The board of inquiry into the Maine disaster met on the morning of the 21st at 10 o'clock this morning, with Captain Sampson and Commander Potter and Marix present. Captain Sampson presided and Commander Marix acted as secretary.

Captain Sigsbee, the commander of the Maine, was the first witness called. He was under examination until 1 o'clock this afternoon, at which hour an adjournment was taken. It is probable that no further witnesses will be heard today, but the board will make a personal examination of the wreck, near which the Maine is anchored.

Captain Sampson received the Associated Press correspondent shortly after the morning session of the board, and in the course of the interview:

NOTHING TO BE MADE PUBLIC.  
"I would be glad to give the Associated Press news, but owing to the delicate situation, the board has decided to make nothing whatever public. I do not know what testimony may develop, or when, and it is only fair to the Spanish government not to tell the public the testimony until all has been received and the findings have been considered."Sigsbee Well Pleased.  
Captain Sigsbee, on board the Maine, told the correspondent that he was quite pleased with the examination, and that he was able to answer all the questions asked, not only as to his own acts, but as to those of his subordinates on the Maine.THE DIVERS.  
There was no sign of disturbance here today, and a quiet, but apparently closing in perfect quiet, there being much less excitement than usual.NOT INTERFERING.  
General Lee says the Spanish officials are not interfering with the investigation into the causes of the disaster. He has notified the captain of the port that the wrecking tug Right Arm will be here tomorrow from the Merritt and Cummings Dry Dock & Docking Company. No objection will be made to the presence of the tug or her prospective work. She probably will make an early attempt to save the big guns and, if possible, the more valuable parts of the Maine's machinery.WHAT DIVERS FOUND.  
Tomorrow morning Consul General Lee will escort the officers of the court of inquiry to pay visits of courtesy to the captain general and Admiral Manterola.

Today the divers found a copper cylinder used in conveying charges to the six-inch guns. The fact that it had exploded seems to show that there was an explosion in the magazine for fixed ammunition on the port side forward.

The wounded, except two, are doing well.

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Straight Stories Told By  
Seguranca's Passengers.

HATRED OF AMERICANS

Spanish Grief Over Maine Calamity  
Is Rank Hypocrisy.One Passenger Purposes Going to  
Washington to Relate What He  
Saw to Proper Authorities—Sharp  
Contrast Between Cubans and  
Spaniards On Day of Funeral—  
Story of an Eye-witness—What  
a Chicago Man Saw.

New York, Feb. 21.—The Ward line steamer Seguranca arrived at Quarantine today from Tampico and Havana. The Seguranca arrived at Havana at 10 o'clock on the morning after the disaster to the Maine and passed close by the wreck. The Seguranca's passengers said that great excitement prevailed at Havana, and at the time of sailing the foreign population were generally of the opinion that the Maine was destroyed by design. They cited among other things the fact that the Spanish minister of war, Alfonso XIII, which was anchored near the Maine, changed her moorings just previous to the disaster.

HE SAW A BOAT NEAR.  
One of the passengers, William L. Carlin, went so far as to say that he saw a boat near the Maine a short time previous to the explosion. He said he would go to Washington to make a statement before the proper authorities.

C. P. Holcomb, of Newcastle, Del., general manager of a street railway in Philadelphia, one of the passengers on board the Seguranca, was outspoken in his belief that the investigation at Havana would reveal some startling circumstances.

"I went to Havana," said Mr. Holcomb, "not at all in sympathy with the Spaniards, but on Wednesday, when we got to Havana, I believe any of the Americans on board was in a mood to commit murder. The flag of the Spanish warship was not at half-mast. The vessels of all other nationalities had paid this slight tribute to the dead."

SHARP CONTRAST.  
"The contrast between the bearing of the Spaniards and Cubans is strong," said the general manager. "The Cubans, who were in the streets were almost all dressed in mourning, while the Spanish women wore colors. The only American flag I saw in the whole city was the flag of the Seguranca. The Cuban women in the streets were almost all dressed in mourning, while the Spanish women wore colors. The only American flag I saw in the whole city was the flag of the Seguranca."AN EYE WITNESS.  
Frank Weinheimer of this city, an eye witness of the explosion and a fellow passenger of Mr. Holcomb's, told the following story:

"On Tuesday evening I strolled down to the river front for a breath of fresh air. I was about 200 yards from the Maine. The first indication I had of the explosion was a tramping sound. Then there came a terrible roar. Immense pieces of debris flew skyward from the Maine. Some of them must have been thrown at least 300 feet. It looked as though the whole inside of the ship had been blown out. Many persons on the pier were nearly thrown from their feet by the force of the explosion. The air became stifling with smoke."

Mr. Weinheimer said he heard an excited Spaniard declare shortly after the explosion that if the "Americans" went another warship, it also would be blown up.

CHICAGO MAN'S STORY.  
M. J. Naghton, an insurance man of Chicago, who was staying with his wife at the Grand hotel, said he was

seated in front of the hotel when the explosion occurred. It was followed, he said, by another and a much louder one.

"We thought the whole city had been blown to pieces," said Mr. Naghton. "Some said the insurgents were entering Havana. Others cried out that 'Mico castle was blown up.'"

Continuing his description of the panic which existed in Havana shortly after the explosion, Mr. Naghton said: "On the Prado is a large cab stand. The minute after the explosion was heard, the cabmen cracked their whips and went rattling over the cobblestones like crazy men. The first department turned out, and bodies of cavalry and infantry rushed through the streets. The Spanish officials were quick to express their sympathy, and acted very well as a whole, but I think their expressions of regret lacked the warmth which would have been characteristic of an American city, had such a disaster occurred under similar circumstances."

DIVERS' KNOWLEDGE DON'T GO.  
May Be Necessary For One of the  
Board to Make Descent.

New York, Feb. 21.—The World says: Rear Admiral Francis M. Bunce, U. S. N., commander of the Brooklyn navy yard, and until a few months ago commander-in-chief of the North Atlantic squadron, to which the Maine was attached, studied pictures of the wreck of the Maine with interest.

"Can you tell from the pictures whether a mine or magazine explosion caused the wreck?" was asked.

"No," he replied. "We don't want to know what was above the water line. What we want to know is what is below that line."

"Do you think that the cause of the accident will be known as soon as the divers have been sent down?"

"I think it will be necessary to raise the Maine before they can ascertain the true cause of the explosion. The water in the bay of Havana is unusually dark. I don't think a diver could see very far under water; certainly he could not see well enough to be able to tell what caused the explosion."

"Electric lights might be used, but I don't think they will furnish sufficient light to enable the diver to see as well as he should see in order to ascertain the cause."

Admiral Bunce said that it would be necessary to suspend judgment and to wait until the report of the court of inquiry is completed. If, at such time, the admiral said, anybody can tell how the Maine was blown up.

Other officers who were seen in the navy yard concurred with Admiral Bunce, saying that it would be necessary to wait until the Maine could be raised before forming an opinion as to the cause of the blowing up.

The admiral called attention to the fact that divers alone could not tell how the Maine was lost. He said that the divers who were accustomed to working around wrecked steamships had no experience in locating the wrecked warships, especially warships of the modern class.

It is said that it might be necessary to send a member of the court of inquiry to make the descent and to see for themselves. Nearly all the naval officers who attended the torpedo school at Newport learned diving. It was pointed out that an ordinary experienced diver would be unable to testify with any degree of accuracy as to the immediate cause of the explosion.

CHANCE TO BUY WARSHIPS.

Some In Great Britain Will Go to  
Highest Bidder.

London, Feb. 21.—Six armored vessels, six protected cruisers, 12 torpedo boat destroyers and five torpedo boats are now building in Great Britain for foreign governments, of which a number are purchasable, although Japan is supposed to have an option on several of them. The warships, which have been ordered by South American governments, are considered as being for sale to the highest bidder.

The Thompson Bros. inform the Associated Press that Spain has decided to man the two remaining torpedo boat destroyers of the four completed some time ago at the Clyde bank yards, but not delivered, presumably owing to the lack of payments.

Keep the Wires Hot.

New York, Feb. 21.—Nearly 100 telegraphic dispatches were sent during the past 24 hours from Governor's island, the army headquarters, to various points of fortification along the coast, from Eastport, Me., to Galveston, Tex.

## A BAD MAN'S REVENGE

Young Boy Brutally Murdered In  
Southern Wyoming.

SHOT BY PAT JOHNSON

RELIEVED THAT THE MURDER-  
ER FLED TO UTAH.Young Stange, Aged 17, Played a  
Boysish Joke Upon Him and John-  
son Shot the Lad—Jim McKee Ar-  
rested For Stealing Cattle—As-  
sault on the Attorney.(Special to The Herald.)  
Vernal, Utah, Feb. 21.—William Vineyard arrived in town this afternoon after 100 miles ride from over Diamond mountain through huge drifts of snow. There were scarcely any paths to guide him, and he made the trip in 24 hours. He brings an account of what seems to have been a cowardly murder, committed almost without provocation. From Vineyard's account it seems that a 17-year-old boy named Stange, through attempting to pull a chair from under him as he was sitting down to dinner, had caused a laughing fit, and went out of the door. Johnson drew his revolver, threw open the door and fired. The ball struck Stange under the chin, passing through the body lodged under the door on the right side. He lingered 19 hours before breathing his last.

Johnson fled at once and it is thought he may have come this way. Sheriff Proctor and Deputy Marshal Young left immediately on receipt of the news for Park Creek. The scene of the murder is just over the line in Wyoming, where Stange's parents reside.

Johnson is said to be a desperate man and is wanted for various crimes in Colorado and Wyoming.

MCKEE'S ESCAPADES.

Charged With Assaulting Luethi and  
Stealing Cattle.(Special to The Herald.)  
Vernal, Utah, Feb. 21.—Jim McKee was given a preliminary hearing in Justice Peck's court, on the charge of feloniously assaulting with intent to do great bodily harm on the person of County Attorney F. S. Luethi. Several witnesses were examined, which resulted in the jury finding him guilty of the assault in the sum of \$1,000.

The evidence was rather conflicting. James McKee was the principal defendant. He was charged with the assault on Luethi, and with the theft of a horse and saddle from the same man. He was also charged with the theft of a horse and saddle from the same man.

McKee has now three charges to his credit. The next term of court will be a hummer, judging from present indications.

POCATELLO PAPER SOLD.

The Advance, a Populist Publication,  
Changes Hands.(Special to The Herald.)  
Pocatello, Ida., Feb. 21.—The Pocatello Advance, a local Populist paper owned by a local stock company, was today sold to the Pocatello stock company. The consideration is not stated, but is understood to have been \$1,000. The purchase is supposed to be in furtherance of certain ambitions connected with the coming municipal election, the details of which do not yet certainly appear.

WON BY THE AUDITOR.

Idaho's Secretary of State Must Hand  
Over \$675.(Special to The Herald.)  
Boise, Ida., Feb. 21.—The suit brought in the supreme court here a few days ago by State Auditor Anderson against Secretary of State Lewis was decided today in favor of the auditor. In this case Anderson brought suit against the secretary of state to recover \$675, which the plaintiff alleged belonged to the state, and which Lewis had received from the Sentinel Publishing company of this city for transcribing the session of the legislature. The point at issue in the suit was whether the secretary of state could take a private contract for the work.

WHOLESALE SHEEP STEALING.

Stockmen Organizing In New Mexico  
Against Depredators.

Albuquerque, N. M., Feb. 21.—Central and southern New Mexico are infested with cattle and sheep thieves, and trouble is anticipated on ranges east and south of this city, for the stockmen are organizing and intend to rid themselves of these depredators. M. T. Moriarty, a sheep raiser in the Chilli vicinity, where there are over 200,000 sheep, says that the big flocks are being driven out of the country by the depredators, and that the stockmen are powerless to stop the lawlessness.

MRS. WHITE BARRED.

Forbidden to Live On the Reservation  
With Indian Husband.

Great Falls, Mont., Feb. 21.—Major Fuller, agent of the Blackfoot Indians, has issued an order prohibiting Mrs. Garrett White from living on the reservation. Mrs. White is the white woman who, a month ago, when a teacher in the Fort Shaw Indian school, eloped with and married White, a full blood Piegan Indian. She is a sister of Rev. C. C. Baldman, army chaplain at Fort Belknap. As return to the school was forbidden, Mrs. White has been compelled to accept a position as waitress in a hotel at Dupuyer to support herself and husband.

## PASSING OF M'GREW

Register of the Land Office Is  
Unanimously Turned Down.

ACTION OF COMMITTEE

SENATE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY  
ADOPT ITS RECOMMENDATIONSenator Allison Made a Spirited  
Speech In McGrew's Defense, But  
It Had No Effect On The Com-  
mittee—King Pushing His Utah  
Indian Depredations Bill.(Special to The Herald.)  
Washington, Feb. 21.—The senate committee on public lands this afternoon rejected the nomination of H. N. McGrew without a dissenting voice. This action came immediately after a spirited speech by Senator Allison in behalf of McGrew. The senator's arguments had no effect on the decision of the committee.

It is now regarded as certain that the senate will approve the recommendation of the committee and that McGrew will have to look for another job.

UTAH CLAIMS.

Representative King is vigorously pressing his bill for the payment of Utah Indian depredations. This bill is now before the judiciary committee and he interviewed a number of members of that committee today. Judge King hopes to secure a favorable report on this bill, but has no expectation of action by congress on the measure this session.

Comptroller of the Currency Davies has been notified of changes in officials of national banks as follows:  
Utah—Utah National, Ogden, A. G. Campbell, vice president.  
Idaho—First National, Kendrick, A. T. Gilver, president in place of P. N. Gilbert; D. S. McCree, vice president in place of A. L. Gilbert; A. W. Martin, assistant cashier in place of Fred Brennan.

The comptroller has approved the American National Bank of Chicago as a reserve agent for the First National Bank of Laramie, Wyo.

Senator Cannon says that it is apparent that the administration's only policy for the settlement of the Cuban question is the purchase of the island. This implies its purchase at whatever price is fixed by Spain. Senator Cannon predicted that this course would be taken in his speech before the senate some time ago.

IDAHO AFFAIRS.

The sundry civil appropriation bill, favorably reported in the house today, carried \$23,500 for the Boise public building.

State Engineer Mills, of Idaho, appeared before the house committee on irrigation of arid lands this afternoon. He presented his views on proposed amendments to the Carey act, for the settlement of the arid lands of Idaho. Idaho postmasters appointed today: Kellogg, Shoshone county, Henry T. Gilbert; vice Michael J. Sinclair, resigned; Shoup, Lemhi county, W. J. S. Reynolds; vice Francis L. Morrill, resigned.

Private Isaiah Johnston, troop 1, Ninth cavalry, Fort Washburn, Wyo., has been ordered dishonorably discharged.

An original pension of \$6 per month is granted to Thomas D. Stevens, of Ogden, Utah.

NOBODY GAINS OR LOSES.

Boise's Apt Illustrations of the Boies  
Plan of Finance.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 21.—Ex-Governor Boies has sent a letter to the Leader, replying to the criticisms of the currency plan advocated in his recent speech at Fairfield. He says:

"Suppose (the plan being in force) a brick to the treasury today 100 ounces of silver, worth in the world's market 50 cents an ounce. He would receive for it \$50 in certificates that would be redeemable in silver. Or, he could take the certificates and use them to buy goods or pay taxes. The certificates would be good for 50 cents of silver. The treasury would own his certificates. With these or money he could buy goods or pay taxes. That would close the transaction. What is the result?"

"The treasury has gained 50 ounces of silver. A has neither gained nor lost anything. The result is always the same on a rising market. Reverse the market."

"When A returns with his certificates for redemption, silver has fallen to 25 cents an ounce. He receives 250 ounces of silver, and the treasury owns his certificates. With these or some other equally good 250, the treasurer immediately buys the open market 300 ounces of silver, and covers it into the treasury. This closes the transaction."

"What is the result?"  
"The treasury has neither gained nor lost a grain of silver nor a farthing of value. Individuals have neither gained nor lost a farthing of value."  
"But suppose silver is cornered in the markets. What then? Simply redeem with gold, and buy gold, instead of silver for the treasury."

## SUICIDE OR ACCIDENT.

Mystery Attending the Death of An  
Idaho Girl.Spokane, Wash., Feb. 21.—A Wallace, Ida., special to the Spokesman-Review says:  
Jessie, 16-year-old daughter of Charles Sears, is dead at her father's home, with a pistol ball through her brain, fired by her own hand. She had lived here for years, her father being a pioneer. She had just returned from school, dressed in a fancy dress, having participated in a dialogue. She went to change her dress, and a moment later a shot was heard. Circumstances point to suicide, but it is impossible to say whether it was a suicide or an accident. The young lady's unblemished reputation, incline many to the belief that it was an accident.

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FATE OF MICHIGAN FISHERMENNINE SUPPOSED TO HAVE PER-  
ISHED IN BLIZZARD.Three Found Almost Dead Wrapped  
In the Sails of Their Boat Sleds—  
Storm Is Spent.

Menominee, Mich., Feb. 21.—Three Menominee fishermen who were lost in the blizzard in Green Bay Sunday night, were found today, wrapped in the sails of their boat sleds and nearly dead. They are John Christensen, Eric Anderson and Gus Thorsen. Their other fishermen are supposed to have perished, and searching crews are now out. The storm has been the worst in ten years.

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 21.—The blizzard which started Saturday night, and which started Sunday night, was found today, wrapped in the sails of their boat sleds and nearly dead. They are John Christensen, Eric Anderson and Gus Thorsen. Their other fishermen are supposed to have perished, and searching crews are now out. The storm has been the worst in ten years.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 21.—Today's reports from northern Michigan show many snow blockades and railroad and other travel badly delayed.

Marquette, Wis., Feb. 21.—The 12 fishermen who started from Green Island for Lake Superior during the blizzard and thought to have been lost, have been found alive and well.

A PRINCE'S MENIAL DUTIES.

Run Through His Fortune and Has  
Tackled An Elevator.

London, Feb. 21.—The Pall Mall Gazette this afternoon announces that the bankruptcy proceedings against Prince Franz von Auersperg have been commenced. The prince, it is alleged, squandered an immense fortune before he was 28 years of age, and disappeared from society. It is reported, according to the Pall Mall Gazette, that the prince is running an elevator in a big New York hotel.

Mrs. Whitney's Accident.

Aiken, S. C., Feb. 21.—Mrs. William C. Whitney, wife of the ex-secretary of the navy, was knocked from her horse while following the hounds in a deer hunt near here today, and painfully hurt.

Robbed the Anaconda.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 21.—John W. Coughlin was convicted tonight of robbing the Anaconda Mining company, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for one year in the penitentiary. He was formerly cashier for the company.

Butter-makers In Convention.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 21.—The national convention of the butter-makers of the United States, which is being held here today, in Hamilton hall, the convention will continue through the week.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

It is stated that the over-production of oil in the Los Angeles oil fields at the present time nearly 500 barrels a day.

Lieutenant Commander Solari stated yesterday that he is still the naval attaché of the Spanish legation in Washington.

At Chicago the John York company, dry goods merchants, assigned yesterday to Lewis, assets, \$90,000; liabilities, \$125,000.

The Maine sailors now in the Spanish hospital at Havana number 113. It will be taken to England, where it will be recovered except two. They are comfortable and well cared for.

At Cleveland the funeral of Mrs. Annie T. Cleveland took place yesterday. Mrs. Cleveland was the wife of Rev. W. N. Cleveland, brother of the ex-president of the United States. She died at her home in the Niederrhein House Furnishing company, which was partially destroyed by fire yesterday. Her estate was valued at more than \$50,000 in stock and buildings.

The new wharf at Tampico, constructed by the Mexican Central railroad under government supervision, was totally destroyed by fire Sunday. The construction of the wharf was commenced in 1906, and it was to be one of the finest on the Mexican coast. Its length was 2,235 feet, and all its burned.

MINERS LEAVING  
CANADIAN SIDEReturn to Their Claims On  
American Territory.RICH STRIKES MADE  
NEAR CIRCLE CITYOnly One-fifth of Those Now In  
Klondike Can Locate Claims.Our Own Territory, While Not So  
Rich as the Canadian, Promises  
Better Returns Than Formerly  
Expected—Rothschilds Preparing  
to Spend Vast Sums In the Pur-  
chase of Mines—Co-operative Out-  
fit—Klondike and Alaskan News.

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—Stewart Menzies, an agent of the Alaska Commercial company, who has just returned from the Klondike region, starting from Dawson City on Jan. 20, and from Skagway on Feb. 10, reports that the tide of gold hunters who flocked into Canadian territory when the news of the rich strikes in the Klondike region was first announced is now turning and those who abandoned their claims on American and Alaskan creeks are now returning there, accompanied by many other others, and are unable to locate claims on Canadian soil.

NINE DOLLARS TO PAN.

Menzies says that just before he came out claims on Davis, Chicken, Napoleon and Walker's Fort creeks, which are tributary to Forty Mile creek, showed better results than before the rush to the Klondike, especially those on Chicken creek, which are from 5 to 12 feet deep, averaging \$3 to the pan. On American creek, which is a branch of the Yukon river, the claims are very shallow, running from 2 to 4 feet deep at a depth of from three to four feet. He also says that rich strikes have been made on Birch and Minook creeks, near Circle City; on the Yukon, near Glacier creek, which are tributary to Sixty Mile creek.

A PREDICTION.

Menzies predicts that the majority of those miners now on the Canadian side will cross the boundary in the near future, as it is almost impossible for one-fourth of the miners to locate claims to locate claims, and they will be compelled to spread out over territory, which, while not so rich as the Klondike, promises better returns than was formerly expected.

ROTHSCHILD'S BUYING CLAIMS.

Making Stupendous Efforts to Con-  
trol the Klondike.Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 21.—Joseph LaDue, recently from the northern gold fields, says:  
The North American Transportation and Trading company is the only one now buying claims in the Klondike. I understand that they are acting as agents for the Rothschilds. I met Mr. Cuddeback on the train from Chicago to San Francisco, and he told me that they had just received \$500,000 in draft claims there. He said the company was acting as agent in purchasing, and I learn that the Rothschilds are preparing to spend \$500,000 for the purchase of mines. It looks a little as though the great English banking house was making stupendous efforts to control most of the claims on the Klondike.

THESE MEAN BUSINESS.

Outfit Carried By An Eastern Co-op-  
erative Expedition.

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 21.—Sixty-seven men, comprising the Alaskan Klondike co-operative expedition, arrived here yesterday, over the Northern Pacific. The party comes mainly from New York and Philadelphia, and will leave here for Alaska with one of the most complete outfits ever taken into that country. They will carry a complete complement of the most improved machinery, two steam launches, a sawmill, and an assay and refining plant. Fifty horses have been purchased here for draft purposes.

Three mechanical engineers, one assayer and refiner, two chemists, two physicians and one dentist is included in the party. They will carry an outfit sufficient to last them 15 months.

MINERS' LICENSES.

No Disposition of Canadians to Grant  
American Request.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Representative Lewis of Washington, who has just returned from Ottawa, where he went to appeal to the Canadian government for some modification of the Canadian regulations requiring American miners bound for the Klondike to procure their licenses at Vancouver, Victoria or Dawson City, says he found a feeling of hostility toward the United States, especially on account of the passage of the Payne-Frye bill, which is designed to prevent British vessels from sharing in the Alaskan carrying trade. There was no disposition to concede anything to the United States in the controversy, and Mr. Lewis returned convinced that no concession could be obtained unless we made counter concessions.

IS IT A FRAUD?

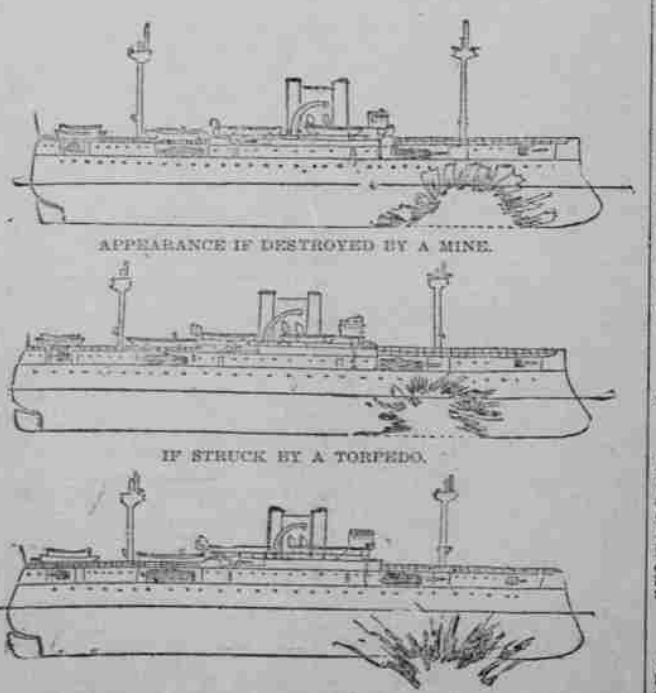
Snow and Ice Company's Honesty  
Doubted In Seattle.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 21.—J. A. Smiley, local agent of the Snow &amp; Ice Transportation company, and his assistant, Philip Hanna, were arrested tonight on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. The Snow &amp; Ice Transportation company recently opened an office in this city, and advertised to take passengers to Dawson for a stated amount by means of steam sleds. They also claimed to have a contract with the United States government to take supplies for the government relief expedition over the Dalton trail.

Agent Smiley says the company is perfectly legitimate, and will carry out its contracts to the letter.

Rich Strike On American Soil.

Dawson City, Jan. 13, via San Francisco, Feb. 21.—News has reached here of a rich strike on American soil, 130 miles down the Yukon river. Tonight 75 men left Dawson for the new dig-



WHISKEY BY AN EXPLOSION FROM THE INSIDE.